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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know whether the Government will see that effective representation is given to all the communities in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I do not think the Government need take any action in this. The matter can be better dealt with by the Collector and the Board of Revenue."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"Is it not a fact that the minority communities are not properly represented in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"Notice, Sir."

Military

Admission to the Fort premises.

*356 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that in December last, for examination of Fort passes, the Military at the east side part of the Fort stopped the cars of all persons having business in the Secretariat including those of Ministers and also pedestrians and refused admission to those who could not produce passes ; and

(b) what arrangements Government have made to allow people who have business in the Secretariat, e.g., either with Ministers or Members of Council to enter the Fort without difficulty ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Arrangements have been made with the Station Staff Officer to allow all those who have business in the Secretariat or Legislative Council unrestricted entry by the South Sea gate whether they possess garrison passes or not.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I take it, Sir, that henceforth Fort passes will not be asked for from those who have business in the Secretariat and the Legislative Council ?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES :—"Yes, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"In view of the fact that people have business not only in the Secretariat and in the Legislative Council but also sometimes in the Accountant-General's office, may I take it that they will not be obstructed from proceeding there ?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES :—"I think so."

Medical

Conversion of the dispensary at Tiruppattur into a hospital in charge of an Assistant Surgeon.

*357 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he received a memorial from the Municipal Council of Tiruppattur for converting the present hospital or dispensary there into a hospital in charge of an Assistant Surgeon ; and

(b) whether he has examined the question and with what result?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Council's request is under consideration.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—"May I know whether the consideration so far has been sympathetic and favourable ?" (Laughter).

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"We received the memorial about the middle of December last and that has been forwarded to the Surgeon-General and we are awaiting his report."

Public Health

Supply of drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project.

* 358 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether steps have been taken to supply drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project ; and if so, when the supply is expected ;

(*b*) whether the Government have favourably considered the question of charging Salem only one-third of the cost of this work ; and

(*c*) whether any deputation waited upon the former Governor about the charges for this work ?

A.—(*a*) A scheme for the supply of water to Salem town from the Mettur dam is now under investigation.

(*b*) The financing of the scheme will be considered on receipt from the Sanitary Engineer of the report on the investigation. The report is expected to be ready by the end of February 1931.

(*c*) Yes.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur :—"May I know what will be the cost of the scheme ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"It will be 19 lakhs if the scheme is to be confined to Salem town alone ; but if it is to serve the neighbouring villages also it will be $22\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"Is it to be a Government scheme or a private scheme ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"Notice."

Veterinary

Rinderpest in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 359 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in Malabar and South Kanara ;

(*b*) the number of deaths due to rinderpest in the two districts in the last official year and till 31st December 1930 ;

(*c*) the number of rinderpest cases attended to by the Veterinary department ;

(*d*) the number of serum simultaneous inoculations done by the Veterinary department ;